Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District 1103 North Fancher Road Spokane Valley, WA 99212

A. Background

BLM Office: Spokane District Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: OR-130-08-CX-004

Proposed Action Title: Wild Horse Adoption

Location of Proposed Action: Lakeview Ranch, Lincoln County, WA. T 22 N, R 33 E, Sec.12 (see attached map).

Description of Proposed Action: Hold a Wild Horse Adoption event at the existing livestock corral facility at the Lakeview Ranch on BLM land April 25-27, 2008. The adoption activities will include the delivery of wild horses from the BLM Burns, OR. Horse facility to the corrals at the Lakeview Ranch. A temporary round pen will be set up on site to use for the training demonstrations. People will be camping around the horse adoption site from April 25-27, 2008. Some trained horses maybe kept in the stalls in the barn. Horses adopted on April 26 will be loaded into adopter's trailers and taken to the adopters homes. Minimal ground disturbance is expected.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

	Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable
]	LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

OR

⊠(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): Chapter 2; General Management Objectives: 7. Manage public lands and keep access routes open for a variety of recreational opportunities/experiences, including both motorized and nonmotorized recreation activities.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, 1.11

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		

2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.				
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).				
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).				
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2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).				
F: Signature				
Authorizing Official:/S/ Alan F. Gardner Date: _4/24/08_				
(Signature)				
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G. Contact Person

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Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

